

being accepted as a delegate to the Congress of Future Scientists and Technology Leaders by the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists.

The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders is an honors-only program that is designed to motivate and direct the top students in the United States. It is specifically for students who aspire to be scientists, engineers and technologists, and helps to provide a path and mentorship for students to accomplish those dreams. It takes place at the University of Massachusetts over 3 days, and helps to spark meaningful dialogues and exchanges of ideas between future leaders in the fields of science and technology.

To be considered for acceptance as a delegate, applicants must be recommended by either a teacher or member of the Academy based on a proven track record of academic excellence. Students must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and represent all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Students like Clouse, who qualify for this incredibly selective honor, exemplify top-tier diligence and academic talent.

Mr. Speaker, Hunter Clouse has dedicated himself to his studies and exhibited a passion for science and technology. He will soon be representing the future of the state of Missouri at this conference, and I have the utmost confidence that he will do an excellent job. I would like to extend my personal congratulations for his achievement, and on behalf of the 7th District of Missouri, I would like to thank him for representing our community.

#### HONORING MR. RICHARD BURNS

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative HUFFMAN rise today to honor Rich Burns, who has retired after 36 years of public service. Throughout his career, Rich demonstrated his commitment to protecting our nation's lands through his work ethic, integrity, and genuine interest in the well-being of his community and employees.

After completing his degree in Rangeland Sciences at Oregon State University in 1979, Rich began his career with the U.S. Forest Service as a Range Technician at the Humboldt National Forest in Nevada. He joined the Bureau of Land Management as a Range Conservationist in 1980, and, over the next decade, he served in a variety of positions with the Bureau in Nevada, Colorado, and California.

He has served as Field Manager for the Bureau of Land Management Ukiah Field Office for the last 19 years of his federal career, overseeing more than 270,000 acres of public land in California across Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Solano, Mendocino, Lake, Yolo, Colusa, and Glenn Counties.

Among his many achievements, Rich led the successful effort to save the Black Forest from logging in 1999. Thanks to his work with the community, Lake County and the Lake County Land Trust were able to purchase the forest, which was then deeded to the Bureau of Land Management for preservation.

During his tenure, Rich also managed and assisted successful projects including the Ce-

dars Area of Critical Environmental Concern in 1987, the Cache Creek Wilderness Area in 2000, the Cedar Roughs Wilderness Area in 2006, the Cedars ACEC Main Canyon Addition in 2011, the Point Arena-Stornetta portion of the California Coastal National Monument in 2014, and the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in 2015.

Mr. Speaker, Rich dedicated his career to preserving our country's natural resources. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement and many happy memories to come with Kelly, his wife of 36 years, and their daughter and son-in-law Ashley and Travis in retirement.

#### CAL MARSELLA

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the vision and leadership of Cal Marsella during his tenure with the Regional Transportation District in the Denver Metro area.

Under Cal's leadership, the expansion project along Interstate 25 was conceived and completed on time and under budget. In addition, he also assisted in the planning, and implementation of FasTracks, one of the biggest projects in our nation's transit systems. According to Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, there would be no FasTracks without Cal Marsella.

While completing his master's program at the University of Connecticut, Cal participated in a transportation-related internship which turned into a career. In 1995, he was hired as the General Manager and CEO of the Denver Regional Transit District and served in this capacity for 14 years until his retirement in 2009.

In that position, Cal oversaw the addition of the Southeast and Southwest rail lines, the C line serving the Auraria Campus, Sports Authority Field at Mile High and the Pepsi Center, as well as worked with the Colorado Department of Transportation to create high-occupancy toll lanes on I-25. Sadly due to his unexpected death, he was not able to see the completion of the transit system he's credited for starting.

I extend my deepest thanks and condolences to Cal Marsella's family for his service and dedication to the Denver Metro Area.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2016*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 180 and 181.

#### HONORING CHASE FOLSOM

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2016*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Chase Folsom. Chase is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 271, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Chase has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Chase has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Chase has led his troop as the Senior Patrol Leader, earned the rank of Shaman in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and become a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Chase has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Chase designed and constructed the Briarcliff Elementary School 'Veggie Patch,' which included constructing six planter boxes and a six foot chain link fence around the garden.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Chase Folsom for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BRENDA BURNS

#### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2016*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for the last 35 years Brenda Burns has set the gold standard for public service with her selfless contribution to her hometown. Born and raised in Willis, Brenda's strong love of community and ability to develop strong relationships have served all of Willis well.

Through a vocational education program at Willis High School, Brenda began her career working for the City of Willis on May 26, 1981. She started as a part-time Utility Billing Clerk, but her value was obvious and the position quickly became full-time. Only two short years later, Brenda took on new duties as the city's Tax Assessor/Collector while continuing to handle utility issues. Brenda kept learning every day as she mastered the intricacies and minutiae of municipal government. She found a mentor in then-City Secretary Janice Wilson. In 1994, Brenda assumed the mantle of City Secretary, a position Willis would be blessed to have her serve in for 22 years.

During her 35 years of service to the City of Willis, much has changed as this community has grown and prospered. While Brenda served as the rock for 4 mayors and countless councilmembers, and the interstate highway grew from 2 to 6 lanes. As Willis' population soared into the several thousands, city staff quadrupled, meaning more and more people came to rely on Brenda. You might say Willis has been her family even longer than her husband, David, and their daughters, Monica and Katie.